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THE ALPHA LANTERNS
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"WE HAD NO CHOICE."

THE UNIVERSE WAS THREATENED BY A VIOLENT WAVE OF TERROR WHEN THE SINESTRO CORPS ATTACKED.
AND THE GREEN LANTERNS WERE CONSIDERED AN "EMPTY THREAT."
UNTIL WE REWROTE THE BOOK OF OA. AND CREATED THE TEN NEW LAWS.
THE FIRST ALLOWING LETHAL FORCE TO BE USED AGAINST THE SINESTRO CORPS. BUT MY FELLOW GUARDIANS...

"...WE CANNOT REPEAL THAT LAW DESPITE THE PROBLEMS IT HAS BROUGHT.
"WHERE THE GUARDIANS WERE ONCE TWELVE, WE ARE NOW NINE."

THE SINESTRO CORPS HAS BEEN PUSHED BACK INTO THE DARKNESS, BUT THEY ARE STILL OUT THERE.
IT IS FOR THAT REASON, AND FOR THE UNPREDICTED TRAGEDY THAT OCCURRED YESTERDAY--
WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY WITH THE "LOST LANTERN"--
IS DEBATABLE. BUT IT IS BEING HANDLED. AT THIS MOMENT, WE MUST ALL AGREE TO INITIATE THIS NEW FACTION OF OUR CORPS TO SUPPORT OUR FIRST NEW LAW.

AND PREPARE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR SECOND.
AS OF NOW...

"...THE ALPHA LANTERNS ARE BORN."

YESTERDAY.
MY NAME IS HAL JORDAN.
I'M AN OFFICER OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS. SPACE SECTOR 2814.
WE'VE BEEN AT WAR. THAT WAR IS OVER.
I WON.

YOU WON?
THAT'S PRETTY FUNNY COMING FROM A GUY WHO JUST GOT DROPKICKED THROUGH COAST CITY.
FUNNY, JORDAN? THEN WHY AREN'T YOU SMILING?
WE LOST HUNDREDS OF GREEN LANTERNS BECAUSE OF YOU, SINESTRO.
SOME OF THEM YOU USED TO CALL FRIENDS.
NO. I CALLED THEM COLLEAGUES. I NEVER CALLED THEM FRIENDS.
I NEVER CALLED ANYONE A FRIEND EXCEPT FOR ABIN SUR--
--AND THEN YOU.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD DAYS, HAL?
WHEN WE DISOBEYED THE GUARDIANS' OLD TERRITORIAL EDICT? WHEN WE HUNTED AND FOUND ABIN SUR'S KILLER?
WHEN YOU FINALLY FACED THE MAN YOU BLAMED FOR YOUR FATHER'S DEATH?
THEY WERE GOOD TIMES IMPORTANT TIMES BUT THEY WERE LONG AGO, WEREN'T THEY?
WHEN I FIRST DISCOVERED THE YELLOW IMPURITY WAS ALIVE AFTER THE GUARDIANS IMPRISONED ME WITHIN THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY--
IT TOOK YEARS OF PLANNING TO RELEASE IT.
INSTILLING FEAR IN THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE--
THAT TOOK A LIFETIME.
SO YOUR WAR, THE ENTIRE SINESTRO CORPS, WAS MANUFACTURED ONLY TO MANIPULATE THE GUARDIANS?
TO "TRICK" THEM INTO ENABLING OUR RINGS TO USE LETHAL FORCE?
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WOULD HAVE LOST IF NOT FOR THAT LAW.
YOU BELIEVE THAT, DON'T YOU?

THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF MY CORPS HAVE RETREATED, BUT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SPREAD FEAR.
THEY WILL TELL TALES OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
THEY WILL TELL THE STORY OF HOW YOU USED YOUR POWER RINGS TO KILL TO PROTECT A BACKWATER, NOTHING PLANET CALLED EARTH.
TELL ME, JORDAN. LOOK ME IN MY EYES AND TELL ME, THAT YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THIS LAW?
YOU WON'T ARGUE WITH THE GUARDIANS THIS TIME LETHAL FORCE WAS NECESSARY.
AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY AGAIN.
I KNEW ALL YOU'D DO IS RAMBLE ON TO FEED YOUR EGO
THEN WHY DID YOU COME DOWN HERE?
TO TELL AN "OLD FRIEND" I'M SORRY.
SORRY?
THANKS TO THE NEW LAW, YOU AREN'T JUST SITTING IN AN OAN SCIENCELL, SINESTRO.

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NAME'S JOHN STEWART
I'M HAL JORDAN'S PARTNER. THE SECOND GREEN LANTERN ASSIGNED TO SPACE SECTOR 2814.
I'M THE GUY THAT'S ALWAYS TRYING TO BUILD IT BETTER
AND BY "IT" I MEAN A LOT OF THINGS. A BRIDGE. A BATTLEPLAN. MYSELF.
THE GUARDIANS SAY WE WON THE WAR AGAINST THE SINESTRO CORPS. BUT I'VE HEARD "MISSION ACCOMPLISHED" BEFORE.
VICTORY IS AS TEMPORARY AS EVERYTHING ELSE IN THIS UNIVERSE
I CAME BACK TO THIS SPOT AFTER WE FREED HAL FROM PARALLAX. AGAIN, AFTER WE STOPPED PRIME FROM FLYING THROUGH QA
AFTER EVERY WIN, WHILE HAL FINDS A GIRLFRIEND TO SHACK UP WITH, GUY DRINKS KILOWOG UNDER THE TABLE AND KYLE LOCKS HIMSELF IN HIS STUDIO TO PAINT THINGS NO OTHER HUMAN HAS EVER SEEN--
I CAME HERE
OVER SIXTY MILLION BEINGS DIED WHEN THE XANSH STAR SYSTEM WAS DESTROYED. I HADN'T REFUSED HELP, I COULD'VE SAVED THEM.
WHEN I WAS LOCKED UP ON QWARD, PARALLAX TRIED TO TORTURE ME WITH MY FEARS.
WHAT PARALLAX DIDN'T REALIZE IS THAT I'VE MADE IT MY FUEL.
NNNGG!
I'VE LEARNED TO PUT MY EGO ASIDE
NOW, I THINK EVERY LAST DETAIL THROUGH. THEN I BLEED AND I HURT AND I YELL AS MUCH AS I HAVE TO

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TO GET THE *CB DONE
WARNING WILLPOWER EXCEEDING POWER RING CAPABILITIES
WHEN I WAS IN THE MARINES, THEY USED TO SAY "PAIN IS WEAKNESS LEAVING THE BODY."
IT'S JUST ABOUT OUT
"THERE'S MUCH TO DO IN THE WAKE OF THIS WAR."

PR ME LAUNCHED THE ANT -MON TOR'S CORPSE INTO DEEP SPACE. IT VANISHED N THE SIX HUNDREDS.
THE ANT MATTER POWER .T MAY ST LL POSSESS S TOO DANGEROUS TO LEAVE UNCONTA NED
MY SCARS FROM COM.NG INTO DIRECT CONTACT W TH IT WILL NEVER HEAL.
I WOULD SUGGEST KT21 LEAD THE SEARCH AND RECOVERY HAD SHE NOT JOINED AMNEE AND MATOO PREE N THEIR HUNT FOR KRYB--THE CHILD ABDUCTOR OF THE S NESTRO CORPS.
THE LANTERNS W TH CH LDREN ARE CONCERNED THAT WITCH MAY BE AFTER THE RS NEXT--
PERHAPS THE "LOST LANTERNS"...?
THE LOST LANTERNS HAVE REQUESTED THEY NOT FY KE'HAAN'S FAM LY OF H S DEATH AND RETURN H S BODY TO THEM.
MORRO HAS MADE THE PROPER PREPARATIONS AND HE ASSURES ME THAT KE'HAAN'S MARKER W LL ST LL SH NE BRIGHTLY N THE TERRASECT CHAMBERS OF THE CRYPTS.
NOT FY NG THE FAM LIES PERSONALLY IS MOST RREGULAR
THE LOST LANTERNS SPENT YEARS HELD PR SONER BY THE MANHUNTERS. TWO OF THEIR OWN WERE K LLED ON QWARD. THEY HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT.
MY GUARDIANS, I HAVE NEVER ASKED YOU TO DEV ATE FROM THE RULES--
--BUT I AM ASK NG YOU NOW
YOUR UNQUEST ON NG LOYALTY TO OA HAS BEEN MOST APPREC ATED, SALAAK.
THE R REQUEST S GRANTED.
THANK YOU.

LARA SHEDS ALL HER TEARS FOR KE'HAAN
I KNOW HE WAS ONE OF US, BUT SO WAS CHANCE
THEIR BOND WAS DIFFERENT
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, HANNU.
NO OFFENSE, BOODIKKA, BUT YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO.
KE'HAAN HELPED TRAIN LAIRA WHEN SHE WAS FIRST RECRUITED SHE FELL IN LOVE WITH HIM. AND HE WITH HER.
BUT, KE'HAAN HAD A FAMILY BACK HOME.
SO THEY NEVER DID A THING ABOUT IT
WHY WOULD ANYONE HIDE THEIR FEELINGS?
TO PROTECT THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS
TRUE WARRIORS NEVER HIDE THEIR PASSION.
LOOK AT IT THIS WAY THEN...
LARA'S NOT HIDING IT NOW

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE
I MISSED YOU.
I MISSED YOU TOO, HIGHBALL.
AFTERNOON, COWGIRL.
SAW ALL THEM LIGHTS IN THE SKY. YA MUST'VE HAD ONE HELLUVA NIGHT.
I'VE HAD BETTER.
WELL, I KNOW THAT.
ROCKET MAN WANTS US IN THE AIR IN THE NEXT THIRTY. THEY'RE PUTTIN' FLIGHT FLUTTER UNDER THE MICROSCOPE TODAY.
SEE HOW STABLE WE CAN BE AT 300 KNOTS.
OH BEFORE I FORGET
YEAH?
THANKS FOR SAVING THE WORLD, SUPERHERO.

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WOOOSH
THEY'VE REACHED SPEED AND ALTITUDE, SIR.
START THE DATA FEED, YOU TWO.
. ROGER THAT.. ?
HIGHBALL? COWGIRL? DO YOU READ ME?
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON UP THERE?
I.. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY FLYING LIKE THIS, SIR
I DON'T KNOW *HOW* THEY'RE DOING IT.
DOING *WHAT?*
THEY'RE FLYING IN SYNC. *PERFECT* SYNC.
I *DID* MISS YOU.
SHUT *UP.*

COAST CITY.
THE CITY WITHOUT FEAR.
GRAND RE-OPENING!
GUY AND KYLE LED THE RECONSTRUCTION ON THE EAST COAST

HAL AND I HAVE GOT THE WEST
THOUGH THERE'S NOT MUCH DAMAGE BEYOND THE BUILDING THEY TOSSED SINESTRO THROUGH.
THEN WHAT IS REQUIRING SO MUCH OF YOUR TIME JOHN STEWART?
UP UNTIL LAST WEEK, LESS THAN SIXTEEN THOUSAND PEOPLE LIVED IN A CITY DESIGNED FOR SEVEN MILLION.
THERE WERE OVER TWO HUNDRED BUILDINGS IN VARIOUS STATES OF CONSTRUCTION COLLECTING DUST.
NOW THEY CAN'T GET THEM FINISHED FAST ENOUGH.

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THE PEOPLE OF EARTH ARE MAKING THEIR PILGRIMAGE TO A PLACE OF GREAT WILLPOWER JOHN
THE TALE OF EARTH'S COAST CITY IS ALREADY WRITTEN INTO THE BOOK OF OA.
THOSE THAT STOOD ALONGSIDE HAL JORDAN IN THE FACE OF FEAR WILL BE REMEMBERED
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING MORE ABOUT THIS PROPHECY?
THERE IS NO MENTION OF ANYTHING UNCOVERED BY ABIN SUR IN THE BOOK OF OA. AND I CANNOT FIND A CHAPTER ENTITLED "THE BLACKEST NIGHT."
THOUGH MY RING IS PICKING UP TRACES OF FRESH ASH.
GANTHET SAID ABIN SUR MIGHT'VE TOLD YOUR FATHER ABOUT IT TOMAR THEY WERE PRETTY TIGHT
I AM PLANNING A TRIP HOME TO SEE IF I CAN FIND ANYTHING THAT MIGHT INFORM US FURTHER ON THIS MATTER, BUT PERHAPS GANTHET WAS MISTAKEN.
THE GUARDIANS MUST HAVE HAD A REASON FOR BANISHING GANTHET.
YOUR EAGERNESS TO TRUST OTHERS IS ADMIRABLE, TOMAR, IF NOT OFTEN MISPLACED
TOMAR-TU! GRAF TOREN!

YOUR REQUEST REGARDING KE'HAAN HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE GUARDIANS
I SUSPECTED NOTHING LESS GIVEN HIS SACRIFICE.
YOU ARE ALSO AWARE THE HALL OF GREAT SERVICE IS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO OFFICERS.
FORGIVE MY CURIOSITY, SALAAK AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE A PASSION FOR STUDYING ANCIENT SCRIPTURES
MY FATHER WAS ONCE THE KEEPER OF THE BOOK OF OA, SALAAK. HE NEVER KEPT ITS PAGES FROM ANY OF HIS FELLOW OFFICERS.
MY FATHER BELIEVED IN THE VALUE OF OPENESS AND HONESTY.
WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT TIMES, TOMAR-TU AND A DIFFERENT UNIVERSE.
I SUGGEST YOU GET BACK TO IT
GRAF? TOMAR? YOU STILL THERE?
SORRY, I'M LATE CLOCKING IN.
WHAT WAS HER NAME?
I COULD ACTUALLY SEE THE SKYLINE GROWING AS I FLEW IN.

SPACE SECTOR 786.
HYPERSPACE DISENGAGED
APPROACHING THE PLANET VARVA.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS, LARA. YOU CAN STILL
KE HAAN'S FAMILY WAS MORE IMPORTANT TO HIM THAN ANYTHING. HANNU.
THAT MEANS THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO ME.
GRAF?
BY THE LIGHTS GODS...
RING. SCAN.
NO! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?
SCANNING GREEN LANTERN 786'S LIFEMATE AND OFFSPRING
LIFE READING'S NEGATIVE.
WHO DID THIS?!
I DID, LAIRA

AMON SUR. SINESTRO CORPS OFFICER OF SPACE SECTOR 2814.
I GIVE MYSELF UP WILLINGLY.
KRAK!
MURDERER!
EASY, LARA.
THEY'VE BEEN DEAD FOR HOURS.
WHY WOULD HE WAIT AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME?
WAS HE WAITING FOR US? AND WHY TARGET KEHAAN'S FAMILY?
BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE ANY FAMILY, BOODIKKA!
THIS IS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON EARTH, ISN'T IT, AMON? IT'S BECAUSE WE SHOWED EVERYONE WHO YOU TRULY ARE!?
WHEN WE FOUGHT OVER COAST CITY, THIS COWARD FLED THE BATTLEFIELD!

YOUR FATHER WOULD BE ASHAMED.
AND YOUR FATHER, TOMAR-TU? WOULD HE BE PROUD OF A LANTERN SO NAIVE?
ONE WHO FLIES AROUND WITH SUCH WIDE EYES AND SIMPLE THOUGHTS?
UNLIKE YOU, TOMAR I STRIVE FOR GREATNESS WITHIN MY CORPS.
WHEN THE OTHERS HEAR OF MY IMPRISONMENT IN THE SCIENCELLS FOR WHAT I'VE DONE, THEY WILL BE INSPIRED TO FOLLOW MY EXAMPLE.
THERE WILL BE ATTACKS ON THE FAMILIES OF THOSE GREEN LANTERNS WHO PERISHED IN OUR GREAT WAR ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.
I WILL INSTILL GREAT FEAR AND THEY WILL FORGET WHAT HAPPENED ON EARTH.
I GIVE UP, LANTERNS.
MY POWER RING HAS BEEN ENABLED TO USE LETHAL FORCE AGAINST ANY MEMBER OF THE SINESTRO CORPS...
ARREST ME.

SO DIE!
SPLAAATCHH
OH, LARA...
...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
RING STATUS REPORT. SINESTRO 2814 DECEASED
SPACE SECTOR SCAN 2814 FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED

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COAST CITY.
MY NAME IS HAL JORDAN
I'M AN OFFICER IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS SPACE SECTOR 2814
WAKE UP.
HNN?
A CODE YELLOW ONE IS IN PROGRESS
I WAS HAVING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP FOR ONCE.
I DOUBT JOHN WAS DOING THE SAME.
DETROIT.
CODE YELLOW ONE DEFINED AS A SINESTRO CORPS RING ABOUND IN SEARCH OF A NEW BEARER
GET BACK ON THE CLOCK GENTLEMEN
NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE NIGHT CALL TO KEEP YOU SHARP.
I WAS UP.
YOU'RE ALWAYS UP
YOU LEARN HOW TO LIVE OFF THREE HOURS OF SLEEP IN THE MARINES. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT COUNTRY CLUB YOU CALL THE AIR FORCE
BETWEEN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING CLASSES AND FLIGHT PLAN TESTS, I WAS LUCKY IF I GOT TWO, JARHEAD.
YOU EVER WONDER WHAT A GREEN LANTERN'S LIFE EXPECTANCY IS?
AND YOU KNOW A PILOT'S LIFE EXPECTANCY GETS CUT IN HALF.
AVERAGE SERVICE TIME FOR A GREEN LANTERN BEFORE DEATH--FOUR YEARS, THREE MONTHS, ONE DAY, THIRTEEN HOURS AND SEVEN MINUTES
THAT WAS A RHETORICAL QUESTION, RING.
THERE IT IS
I SEE IT.

DAMN THING'S FAST.
WE'RE FASTER.

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BOOOMM
JONATHAN CRANE OF THE PLANET EARTH.
YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO INSTILL GREAT FEAR.
WELCOME TO THE SINESTRO CORPS.

SORRY, SCARECROW.
NO TRIPS OUTTA OZ FOR YOU
SOMEONE'S STILL SENDING YELLOW RINGS FROM QWARD? I THOUGHT THE FORGERIES WERE SHUT DOWN, SALAAK
IT BELONGED TO THE SINESTRO CORPS MEMBER OF SPACE SECTOR 2814.
AMON SUR?
THEY WERE, JOHN. VOLK AND HIS RECONNAISSANCE SQUAD NEUTRALIZED THE WEAPONERS' REFINERIES LAST NIGHT
THE RING HOVERING BEFORE YOU ISN'T NEW.
YES, HAL. THE SON OF YOUR PREDECESSOR IS DEAD.
"AMON SUR WAS NOT KILLED. SALAAK

AMON SUR WAS MURDERED
MURDERED BY ONE OF THE "LOST LANTERNS"
LAIRA OF SECTOR 112

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIRST NEW LAW LETHAL FORCE IS AUTHORIZED AGAINST ANY MEMBER OF THE SINESTRO CORPS-
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SALAAK, I SUSPECT YOU HAVE YET TO VIEW THE RING LOG OF THE INCIDENT
I HAVE WITNESSED THE LOG OF THE CONFRONTATION. CHASELON, AND LARA DID NOTHING BUT FOLLOW THE STRICT CODE OF THE CORPS.
COLD-BLOODED SLAUGHTER ON YOUR MEDIEVAL WORLD MAY GARNER LESS THAN A GLANCE, "SIR" DEETER. BUT WHERE I HAIL FROM--
SAVE IT, COMMANDER VAR X WHERE YOU "HAIL" FROM, A MURDERER CANNOT BE SENTENCED TO MORE THAN TWO YEARS OF IMPRISONMENT
STATISTICALLY SPEAKING, KRAKEN, THERE HAS NOT BEEN A MURDER ON VARIX'S HOMEPLANET IN OVER SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS
MY PEOPLE LIVE TO OBEY THE LAW.
HE SOUNDS LIKE SINESTRO.
VAR X'S RELIGION IS HIS UNIFORM, RELOK
IGNORE THE SOFT-HEARTED, KRAKEN. THEY ARE IGNORANT OF THE TRUE HORRORS OF THE UNIVERSE.
MUST WE LISTEN TO THE HARDSHIPS YOU AND KRAKEN FACED ON APOKOLIPS AGAIN, RAKER?
YOUR STORIES OF THE FOURTH WORLD--
THE FOURTH WORLD IS MORE IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF THIS UNIVERSE THAN OA WILL EVER BE
BLASPHEMY.
ENOUGH DEBATE. WHAT BE IT THEN?
I TRUST KE HAAN'S FRIENDS TO ANSWER THAT FOR US.
YOU WERE AT THE SCENE, LOST LANTERNS.
WAS IT JUSTICE OR MURDER?

MURDER.
...MURDER.
MURDER.
MURDER.
MURDER? YOU WERE THERE. THIS COWARD TORE APART KE'HAAN'S FAMILY!
HE KILLED CHILDREN IN AN ATTEMPT TO INSPIRE THE OTHER REMAINING SINESTRO CORPS MEMBERS TO DO THE SAME!
IT WAS JUSTICE!
BWOOOOSHH

SHUT DOWN YOUR WEAPON, LAIRA!
WE HAD HEARD AMON SUR SURVIVED A SERIOUS CRANIAL INJURY.
MORE THAN THAT, TOMAR HIS HEAD WAS BLOWN CLEAN OFF
BUT HE'S NOT A CZARNIAN
THERE'S NO COMING BACK FROM THIS.
AMON SUR'S DEAD.

THIS ISN'T YOUR BUSINESS, JORDAN.
BACK OFF, BOODIKKA
WHEN I'M CHASING YELLOW RINGS YOU SHOULD'VE CAUGHT, IT'S MY BUSINESS.
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AMON'S RING. I'M SORRY, JORDAN.
WE HAD OUR HANDS FULL
WHERE ARE THE GUARDIANS, SALAAK?
WE ARE HERE.
WHOOSH

THOUGH THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF YELLOW POWER RINGS STILL IN EXISTENCE, THAT ONE WILL NO LONGER THREATEN YOUR SECTOR, HAL JORDAN
WE REALIZE THE COMPLEXITIES THE FIRST NEW LAW MAY CARRY WITH IT.
BUT IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS THAT LETHAL FORCE AGAINST A MEMBER OF THE SINESTRO CORPS IS AN OFFICER'S LAST RESORT.
LAIRA OF SECTOR 112 YOU HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED
WHAT?!
YOU ARE FACING CHARGES OF MURDER AND ARE HEREBY STRIPPED OF YOUR POWER RING AND BADGE.
HE DESERVED TO DIE.
TO KILL IN A MOMENT OF OVERWHELMING RAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES
FEEDING NEGATIVE EMOTION WILL ONLY SERVE TO THREATEN THIS UNIVERSE.
THAT WILL BE DETERMINED AT YOUR TRIAL.
IN ORDER TO SUPPORT OUR FIRST LAW AND INSURE THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEXT NINE, WE WILL BE INSTATING A NEW FACTION OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS
A NEW FACTION? I WAS NOT AWARE YOU WERE PREPARING
A POLICE FORCE WITHIN OUR POLICE FORCE, SALAAK.
EMOTION CAN CLOUD JUDGMENT. EMOTION CAN DISTORT JUSTICE.
WE CANNOT ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN.

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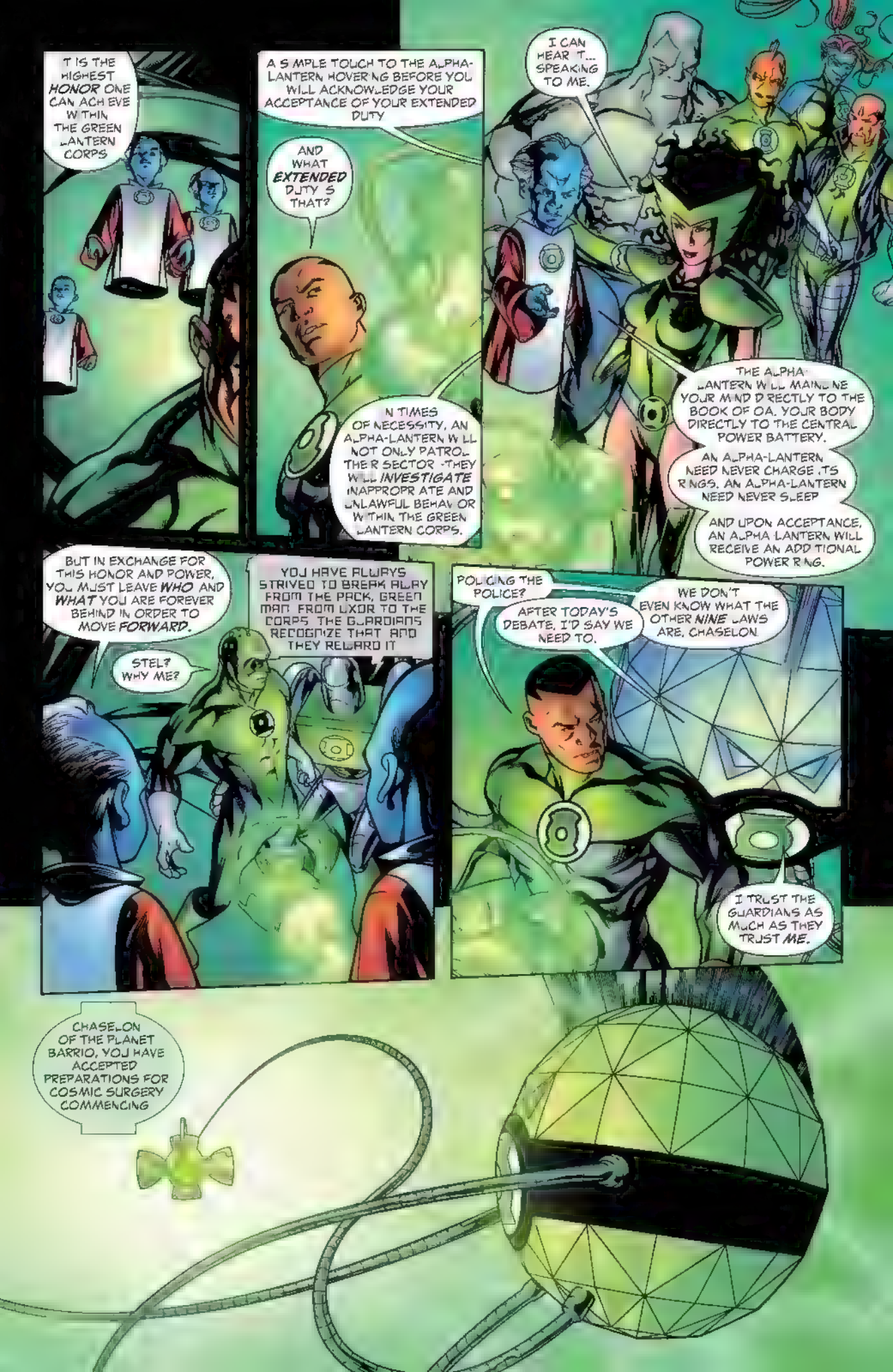
VARIX OF THE PLANET NAKTOS. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE JUSTICE
CHASELON OF THE PLANET BARRIO. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE JUSTICE
KRAKEN OF THE PLANET APOKOLIPS. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE JUSTICE.
GREEN MAN OF THE PLANET UXOR. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE JUSTICE.
BOODIKKA OF THE PLANET BELLATRIX. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE JUSTICE
JOHN STEWART OF THE PLANET EARTH. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENFORCE JUSTICE
YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BECOME AN ALPHA-LANTERN.
AN...ALPHA-LANTERN?
WHAT THE HELL IS AN ALPHA-LANTERN?


IT IS THE HIGHEST HONOR ONE CAN ACHIEVE WITHIN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS
A SIMPLE TOUCH TO THE ALPHA-LANTERN HOVERING BEFORE YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF YOUR EXTENDED DUTY
AND WHAT EXTENDED DUTY IS THAT?
IN TIMES OF NECESSITY, AN ALPHA-LANTERN WILL NOT ONLY PATROL THEIR SECTOR -THEY WILL INVESTIGATE INAPPROPRIATE AND UNLAWFUL BEHAVIOR WITHIN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
I CAN HEAR IT... SPEAKING TO ME.
THE ALPHA-LANTERN WILL MAINLINE YOUR MIND DIRECTLY TO THE BOOK OF OA. YOUR BODY DIRECTLY TO THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY.
AN ALPHA-LANTERN NEED NEVER CHARGE ITS RINGS. AN ALPHA-LANTERN NEED NEVER SLEEP
AND UPON ACCEPTANCE, AN ALPHA-LANTERN WILL RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL POWER RING.
BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS HONOR AND POWER, YOU MUST LEAVE WHO AND WHAT YOU ARE FOREVER BEHIND IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD.
STEL? WHY ME?
YOU HAVE ALWAYS STRIVED TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE PACK, GREEN MAN FROM UXOR TO THE CORPS. THE GUARDIANS RECOGNIZE THAT AND THEY REWARD IT
POLICING THE POLICE?
AFTER TODAY'S DEBATE, I'D SAY WE NEED TO.
WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE OTHER NINE LAWS ARE, CHASELON.
I TRUST THE GUARDIANS AS MUCH AS THEY TRUST ME.
CHASELON OF THE PLANET BARRIO, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED PREPARATIONS FOR COSMIC SURGERY COMMENCING

IT IS AN HONOR, KRAKEN AND THE POWER YOU WOULD WIELD--
COULD HELP IN OUR WAR AGAINST THE FORCES OF APOKOLIPS
MY CHOICE IS EASY, RAKER.
BOODIKKA OF THE PLANET BELLATRIX, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED PREPARATIONS FOR COSMIC SURGERY COMMENCING.
KRAKEN OF THE PLANET APOKOLIPS, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED. PREPARATIONS FOR COSMIC SURGERY COMMENCING
I LIVE FOR JUSTICE AND JUSTICE ALONE. I SHALL DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO BETTER SERVE IT
GREEN MAN OF THE PLANET UXOR, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED. PREPARATIONS FOR COSMIC SURGERY COMMENCING.
VARIX OF THE PLANET NAKTOS, YOU HAVE ACCEPTED PREPARATIONS FOR COSMIC SURGERY COMMENCING.
SORRY, GUYS. I'M NOT LEAPING INTO ANYTHING UNTIL I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHANGES WITHIN THE BOOK OA
SO NO, THANKS.
JOHN STEWART OF THE PLANET EARTH FORGOES GREAT HONOR.
SCANNING KNOWN UNIVERSE FOR REPLACEMENT ALPHA LANTERN
WE ARE DISAPPOINTED, JOHN STEWART
VERY DISAPPOINTED

SPACE SECTOR 650
YOU MUST LOCATE THE CORPSE OF THE ANTI-MONITOR
ME, GUARDIAN?
YOUR CRUSADE AGAINST THE LIFE-CONSUMING STARBREAKER AND HIS VAMPIRIC FOLLOWERS IS A WELL-DOCUMENTED TALE, ASH.
DESPITE WHAT THOSE MONSTERS DID TO YOUR WIFE, YOU HAVE HUNTED THEM TO THE BLACKEST CORNERS OF YOUR SECTOR WITHOUT FEAR.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE DARK.
GOOD.
IF THERE IS ANY TRACE OF THE ANTI-MONITOR'S POWER LEFT WITHIN HIS ROTTING HUSK, IT COULD BE EXPLOITED.
I BELIEVE EVEN NOW THERE ARE OTHERS SEEKING OUT THIS POWER
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, GREEN LANTERN? THIS IS A MOST URGENT AND SACRED MISSION.
THE OTHER GUARDIANS. THEY DO KNOW YOU'RE HERE, DON'T THEY?
OF COURSE.

ENFORCERS OF JUSTICE. APPROACH
THE SECRETS OF THE ALPHA LANTERNS WILL BE REVEALED TO YOU UPON ENTRY INTO THE SURGERY CENTER.
THE UNIVERSE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
FSSSHHH
FWAP
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COSMIC SURGERY COMMENCING
FSSHH
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IN DAYS OF PEACE
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ARREST ME
AMON SUR WAS GIVING HIMSELF UP
RING LOG PLAYBACK COMPLETE
YOU HAD NO NEED TO ENACT LETHAL FORCE.
YOU DON'T NEED TO POINT YOUR RING IN THE DIRECTION OF ITS TARGET I NEVER HAVE
AMON SUR WAS STILL ARMED.
WHAT IF IT WAS YOUR BROTHER THAT HE KILLED JORDAN? YOUR FAMILY?
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

ALL FURTHER DEBATE WILL BE AT YOUR TRIAL LAIRA.
YOU DON'T REALLY EXPECT ME TO SIT IN A SCENCELL. I AM NOT A CRIMINAL
FLLLL
ENOUGH OF THIS
I WILL NOT BE JUDGED NOT BY THE GUARDIANS
NOT BY ANYONE
LAIRA, PLEASE.
YOU WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS
POWER LEVELS DEPLETING.
POWER LEVELS AT 34.5%
OUR RINGS ARE LOSING ENERGY
IMPOSSIBLE HOW--?
POWER LEVELS 12%
NOT YET
WE WILL STAND BY YOUR SIDE LAIRA.
YOU AND THE REST OF THE LOST LANTERNS ALREADY HAVE CONDEMNED ME GRAF
THIS LAW IS NEW, LAIRA. IT IS COMPLICATED.
SURELY YOU CAN UNDERSTAND
WE'LL TAKE THIS FROM HERE GREEN LANTERNS
MY GOD
BOODIKKA?

NO LANTERN ESCAPES THE ALPHA-LANTERNS.
"THE ALPHA-LANTERNS WILL EMBODY THE BEST ELEMENTS OF EACH MILITARY FACTION WE HAD A HAND IN CREATING
"THE SENTIENT DRIVE AND THOUGHT PROCESS OF THE GREEN LANTERNS.
WHAT THE HELL DID THEY DO TO THEM?
"AND THE EFFICIENCY AND LOGIC OF THE MANHUNTERS."
THE ALPHA-LANTERNS ARE ACTIVE.
IT IS TIME TO ENACT THE SECOND LAW.

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THE ALPHA LANTERNS
Part 3

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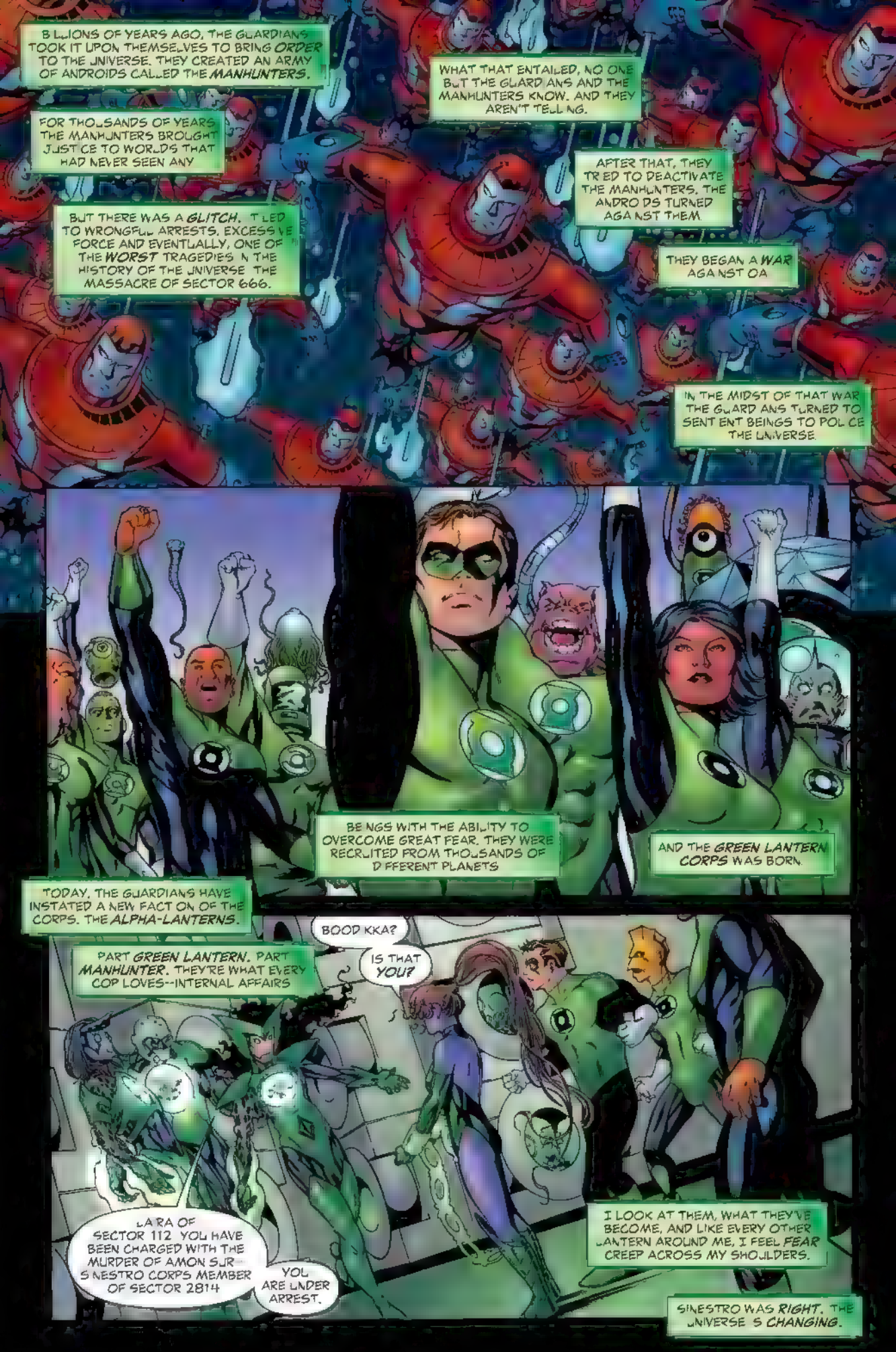
YSMAULT.
I AM NOT A FOOL LIKE ABIN SUR WAS, QULL.
YES, ATROCITUS. YOU ARE AN EVEN GREATER ONE THAN HE.
KRATCH!
IT WAS I WHO PLANTED THE SEEDS OF FEAR WITHIN ABIN SUR.
IN TURN, ABIN SUR SPREAD THE PROPHECY LIKE A DISEASE TO THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.
AND BECAUSE OF YOUR RECKLESSNESS THE GUARDIANS ALTERED OUR SENTENCE ON THIS DISMAL WORLD! WE WERE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE SCIENCELLS!
INSTEAD, THEY LEFT US ON YSMAULT TO ROT FOR ALL ETERNITY!
BUT AFTER CENTURIES OF RAGE FESTERING IN MY HEART, I HAVE LEARNED THE MEANS OF ESCAPE IS WITHIN MY GRASP.
YOUR INNARDS WILL GIVE ME MY FREEDOM, QULL. AND YOUR BLOOD MY POWER.
I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE AGAINST THE BEING WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE "GREATEST" GREEN LANTERN.
KRATCH!

I WILL HAVE MY REVENGE AGAINST SINESTRO.


BILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, THE GUARDIANS TOOK IT UPON THEMSELVES TO BRING ORDER TO THE UNIVERSE. THEY CREATED AN ARMY OF ANDROIDS CALLED THE MANHUNTERS.
FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THE MANHUNTERS BROUGHT JUSTICE TO WORLDS THAT HAD NEVER SEEN ANY
BUT THERE WAS A GLITCH. IT LED TO WRONGFUL ARRESTS, EXCESSIVE FORCE AND EVENTUALLY, ONE OF THE WORST TRAGEDIES IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE: THE MASSACRE OF SECTOR 666.
WHAT THAT ENTAILED, NO ONE BUT THE GUARDIANS AND THE MANHUNTERS KNOW. AND THEY AREN'T TELLING.
AFTER THAT, THEY TRIED TO DEACTIVATE THE MANHUNTERS. THE ANDROIDS TURNED AGAINST THEM.
THEY BEGAN A WAR AGAINST OA
IN THE MIDST OF THAT WAR THE GUARDIANS TURNED TO SENTIENT BEINGS TO POLICE THE UNIVERSE.
BEINGS WITH THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME GREAT FEAR. THEY WERE RECRUITED FROM THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT PLANETS
AND THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WAS BORN.
TODAY, THE GUARDIANS HAVE INSTATED A NEW FACTION OF THE CORPS. THE ALPHA-LANTERNS.
PART GREEN LANTERN. PART MANHUNTER. THEY'RE WHAT EVERY COP LOVES--INTERNAL AFFAIRS
BOOD KKA?
IS THAT YOU?
LARA OF SECTOR 112 YOU HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF AMON SUR— SINESTRO CORPS MEMBER OF SECTOR 2814
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST.
I LOOK AT THEM, WHAT THEY'VE BECOME, AND LIKE EVERY OTHER LANTERN AROUND ME, I FEEL FEAR CREEP ACROSS MY SHOULDERS.
SINESTRO WAS RIGHT. THE UNIVERSE IS CHANGING.

AND H S FINGERPRINTS ARE ALL OVER IT
I'VE BEEN UP FOR THIRTY-NINE HOURS STARTED OFF CHASING A YELLOW R NG THROUGH THE NIGHT STREETS OF GOTHAM. NOW I M CONFRONTED WITH A FEL OW OFFICER ACCUSED OF MURDERING THE SON OF THE GREEN LANTERN WHO GAVE ME THIS RING.
SALAAK TOLD JOHN AND ME THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE TO STAY FOR THIS
THE TRIAL OF THE LOST LANTERN W LL COMMENCE
BUT I OWE LAIRA THAT MUCH
SHE S ONE OF THE LANTERNS I TORE THROUGH WHEN I WAS POSSESSED BY PARALLAX
BUT SHE HAD T ROUGH LONG BEFORE THAT AFTER SINESTRO HER FATHER WAS THE ONLY OTHER RENEGADE IN THE CORPS HE COMMITTED SUIC DE WHEN LAIRA ATTEMPTED TO ARREST H M
THAT S WHY SHE TOOK HER FIGHT W TH THE S NESTRO CORPS SO PERSONALLY THAT S WHY SHE K LLED TWICE AS MANY MEMBERS AS ANYONE ELSE
THE PROSECUTION STANDS READY
AS DOES THE DEFENDANT

SHE'S BLINDED BY HATRED.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE NEW LAW STATES LETHAL FORCE HAS BEEN APPROVED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE SINESTRO CORPS!
AMON SUR SLAUGHTERED KE'HAAN'S FAMILY! HE MURDERED INNOCENTS!
MALET DASIM OF SECTOR 103, PRESENT THE INDICTMENT.
YES, GUARDIAN THOUGH I WISH TO MAKE IT CLEAR. ALTHOUGH I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE TRIALS OF THE ENEMIES OF THE CORPS, I TAKE NO PLEASURE IN ACTING AS PROSECUTOR AGAINST A FELLOW GREEN LANTERN--
NOTED, MALET DASIM. NOW CONTINUE WITH THE PROCEEDINGS.
...YES,, WELL. WE HAVE ALL VIEWED THE RING LOG
...THOUGH ARMED WITH HIS SINESTRO CORPS RING, AMON SUR OF SECTOR 2814 WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SURRENDERING WHEN LAIRA DELIVERED A LETHAL BLOW TO HIS UPPER TORSO.
ANY CHANCE OF AMON SUR SURVIVING VANISHED WHEN SHE LATER INCINERATED HIS CORPSE.
UPON CONFRONTATION, LAIRA ASSAULTED HER FELLOW CORPSMEN, GARNERING THE ATTENTION OF THE ALPHA-LANTERNS.

I BELIEVE THIS A SIMPLE AND CLEAR CASE, GUARDIANS
I CHARGE LAIRA OF SECTOR 112 WITH THE MURDER OF ABIN SUR'S SON AMON SUR, OF ASSAULT AND OF RESISTING ARREST.
THE LAST TIME I STOOD HERE IT WAS FOR SINESTRO'S TRIAL.
I SPOKE UP. I FOUGHT FOR HIM
I WANT TO STAND UP AND FIGHT FOR LAIRA. I WANT TO DEFEND HER
BUT EVEN THOUGH I BELIEVE IN LETHAL FORCE AS A LAST RESORT--
THAT WASN'T THE CASE HERE. IT JUST WASN'T, DAMMIT
WE HAVE HEARD AND WITNESSED THE EVIDENCE
LAIRA, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY IN YOUR DEFENSE?
I HAVE DONE NOTHING I NEED TO DEFEND MYSELF AGAINST.
I DID WHAT THE NEW LAW ASKED OF ME I SLAUGHTERED SINESTRO'S FOLLOWERS!
AND I WOULD DO IT AGAIN!

YOU ABUSED THE POWER OF THE RING, LAIRA
YOU LASHED OUT WITH THE ANGER THAT LURKS IN YOUR HEART. YOU ARE ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING A RENEGADE OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
ALPHA-LANTERN BOOD KKA
WHAT IS YOUR JUDGMENT?
AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH, ON THE MANHUNTER HOMEWORLD, ON QWARD, YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON ME NOW?
I HAVE REDEDICATED MYSELF TO JUSTICE, LAIRA. THAT IS ALL.
LAIRA! SORRY!
FSSSHHH
YOU ARE GUILTY.
EXPULSION OF GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 112 COMMENCING

AFTER MY FATHER'S SHAME, THE CORPS IS THE ONLY HONOR I HAVE LEFT
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT AWAY!
GIVE ME BACK MY BADGE!
NO LANTERN ESCAPES THE ALPHA LANTERNS
BOOD KKA, STOP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HANNL I WAS ONLY ENFORCING JUSTICE!
LET ME GO!
YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE, LAIRA.
SETTLE DOWN
NO!

ENOUGH.
LAIRA OF SECTOR 112 YOU HAVE MISINTERPRETED THE LAWS OF OA. YOU WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THE CORPS
YOU HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF YOUR RING AND YOU WILL BE RETURNED TO YOUR HOMEWORLD OF JAYD
IT IS TIME NOW TO TURN THE PROCEEDINGS OVER TO THE TEN NEW LAWS, THE FIRST OF WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN ENACTED
LETHAL FORCE AGAINST THE SINESTRO CORPS HAS ALREADY BEEN AUTHORIZED
BLOOSH!
PERHAPS YOU WILL COME TO UNDERSTAND THE SERIOUSNESS OF MISUSING OUR LIGHT
AND PERHAPS A RING WILL FIND ITS WAY TO YOU ONCE AGAIN.
THIS ISN'T FAIR! THIS ISN'T RIGHT!
WITH THE ALPHA-LANTERNS IN PLACE AND WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS LAW CLEAR, IT IS WITH CONFIDENCE THAT WE ENACT THE SECOND

BWOOSH!!
LETHAL FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED--
--AGAINST ALL ENEMIES OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
COMPLETE LETHAL FORCE HAS BEEN ENABLED
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SOMEWHERE, I HEAR SINESTRO LAUGHING.
WHAT DO YOU WANT NOW, JORDAN?
COME TO SHED ANOTHER TEAR FOR THE FUTURE OF AN OLD FRIEND?
OR SHALL WE REMINISCE ABOUT, WHAT DO YOU EARTHMEN CALL THEM..
"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"?
YOU CAN BE AS SENTIMENTAL AS KYLE RAYNER WHEN THE MOOD STRIKES DO YOU RECALL THE NIGHT WHEN YOU FLEW OFF TO GET YOUR "REVENGE" ON CARL FERRIS?
SO FRAUGHT WITH HATRED, YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN?
I HAD TO SHOW YOU THE RIGHT DIRECTION
MUCH AS I DID THE GUARDIANS.

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WITH THE ALPHA-LANTERN CORPS IN FULL EFFECT THEY HAVE UNVEILED THE SECOND LAW.
IT WAS BROADCAST ACROSS THE GUARDS' RINGS LETHAL FORCE AGAINST ALL ENEMIES OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS?
YOU KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
PREDICTING THE GUARDIANS IS LIKE PREDICTING THE WEATHER WHEN IT IS ALREADY RAINING.
THE GUARDIANS BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE TO SUPPRESS ALL EMOTION.
THEY BELIEVE THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID A PROPHECY OF DESTRUCTION IS TO COMBAT AND EXTINGUISH THE POWERS OF THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM.
THEY DON'T YET REALIZE THAT INSTEAD OF TRYING TO PREVENT THE PROPHECY, THEY SHOULD BE PREPARING FOR IT

WHAT *PROPHECY* ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
BUT YOU ALREADY *KNOW*. GANTHET SHARED IT WITH YOU PRIOR TO YOU "DROPKICKING ME THROUGH COAST CITY."
I HEARD IT MYSELF *YEARS* AGO FROM A DEAR FRIEND. *ABIN SUR*.
"OTHER CORPS WILL RISE. THEY WILL GO TO WAR. AND *"THE BLACKEST NIGHT"* WILL DESCEND UPON US ALL."
WHAT ELSE DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
I KNOW THE GUARDIANS WILL *PANIC* WHEN THEY FINALLY UNDERSTAND THEY CANNOT PREVENT IT
BUT I HAVE THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE THAT BY THE TIME WE FACE THESE *UNKNOWN SHADOWS* THAT WILL THREATEN TO *END* THE *UNIVERSE*--
--THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WILL BE REORGANIZED INTO A FORCE OF *ORDER* CAPABLE OF *CRUSHING* ANY AND ALL *CHAOS*.
THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS WILL RULE THE UNIVERSE AS I RULED KORUGAR
AND WHATEVER THREAT COMES IN THE FORM OF *DARKNESS* WILL BE EASILY *INCINERATED* BY THE GREEN LIGHT
I BELIEVE IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS, HAL JORDAN
DON'T *YOU*?

DO YOU SEE IT?
A FLASH OF RED.
THE EXISTENCE OF THE SINESTRO CORPS MARKS THE BEGINNING. THE POWERS OF THE SPECTRUM ARE BEING HARNESSED. IT'S OUR JOB TO FIND THESE SURGES OF EMOTION AND PUT AN END TO THEM BEFORE THEY GROW. WE MUST STAY THE WAR OF LIGHT.
FELLOW GUARDIANS. I APOLOGIZE FOR MY ABSENCE IN THE UNVEILING OF THE SECOND LAW
YOU ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH THE ANTI-MONITOR. REST WILL DO YOU WELL.
YES.
YES. REST HAS DONE ME VERY WELL. BUT I HAVE MADE A MOST TROUBLING DISCOVERY.
HE CALLS HIMSELF AGENT ORANGE.

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THE BINARY STAR SYSTEM OF THE CONTROLLERS
ONCE RIVALS TO THE GUARDIANS, THESE IMMORTALS ARE NOW ON THE VERGE OF EXTINCTION
"FOR EONS, WE HAVE FAILED WHERE THE GUARDIANS HAVE SUCCEEDED.
"EVERY ATTEMPT TO BUILD OUR ANSWER TO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS HAS PROVEN TOO UNCONTROLLABLE."
AND WE CANNOT GIVE UP CONTROL.
THE DARKSTARS WERE TOO WEAK TO REPLACE THE CORPS. OUR EXPERIMENT KNOWN AS EFFIGY WAS TOO UNSTABLE.
WE LACKED A POWER SOURCE TO DRAW FROM. AS THE GUARDIANS HAVE THEIR CENTRAL POWER BATTERY, WE TOO MUST TAP INTO THE FABRIC OF SENTIENT EMOTION.
CONTROL OF THE UNIVERSE WILL BE OURS--
--AND ONLY OURS.
WE MUST LOCATE THE ORANGE LIGHT.

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SECTOR 112.
I'M SORRY IT HAPPENED THIS WAY, LARA.
I KNOW KEHAAN'S DEATH WAS HARD
WITHOUT KEHAAN AND WITHOUT THE CORPS, I AM NOT A "LOST LANTERN" ANYMORE, HANNU.
I AM ONLY LOST.
THERE IS NOTHING FOR ME BACK HOME.
YOU HEARD THE GUARD ANS THERE'S A CHANCE TO RETURN TO THE CORPS.
THERE IS NO CHANCE!
BUT I DON'T NEED THE RING TO MAKE THEM BURN. ALL WHO WEAR SINESTRO'S SYMBOL WILL BURN AT MY HAND
I SWEAR IT!
REVENGE

SAR, DESTROYER OF WORLDS
YOU HAVE GREAT RAGE IN YOUR HEART

FSSSSS
AAARRRRR
HRRRRK
AAAH!!!
RRRRRR
LAIRA?!
NO.

RED
LANTERN

FINAL CRISIS: RAGE OF THE RED LANTERNS
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RAGE OF THE RED LANTERNS

Part 1

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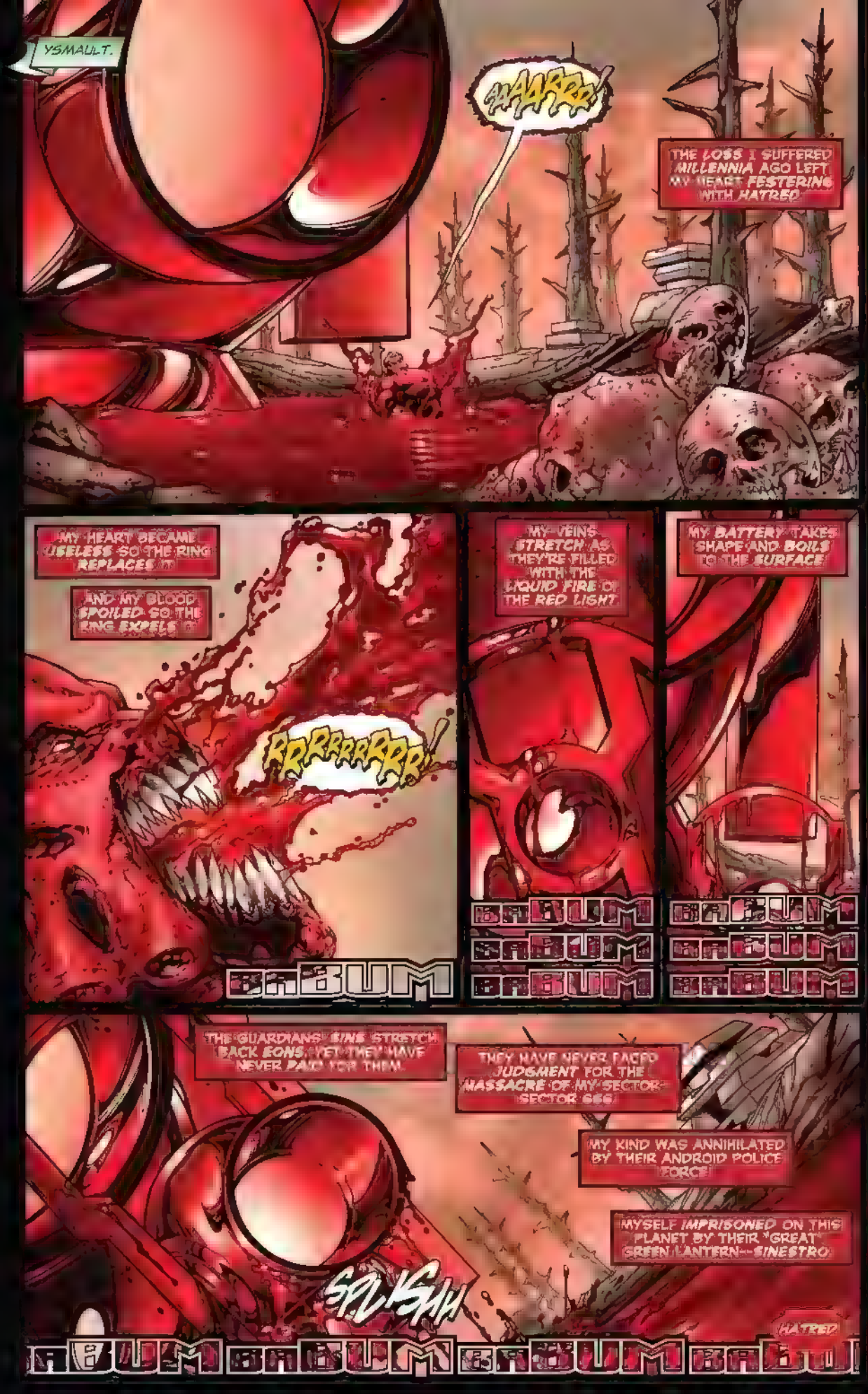
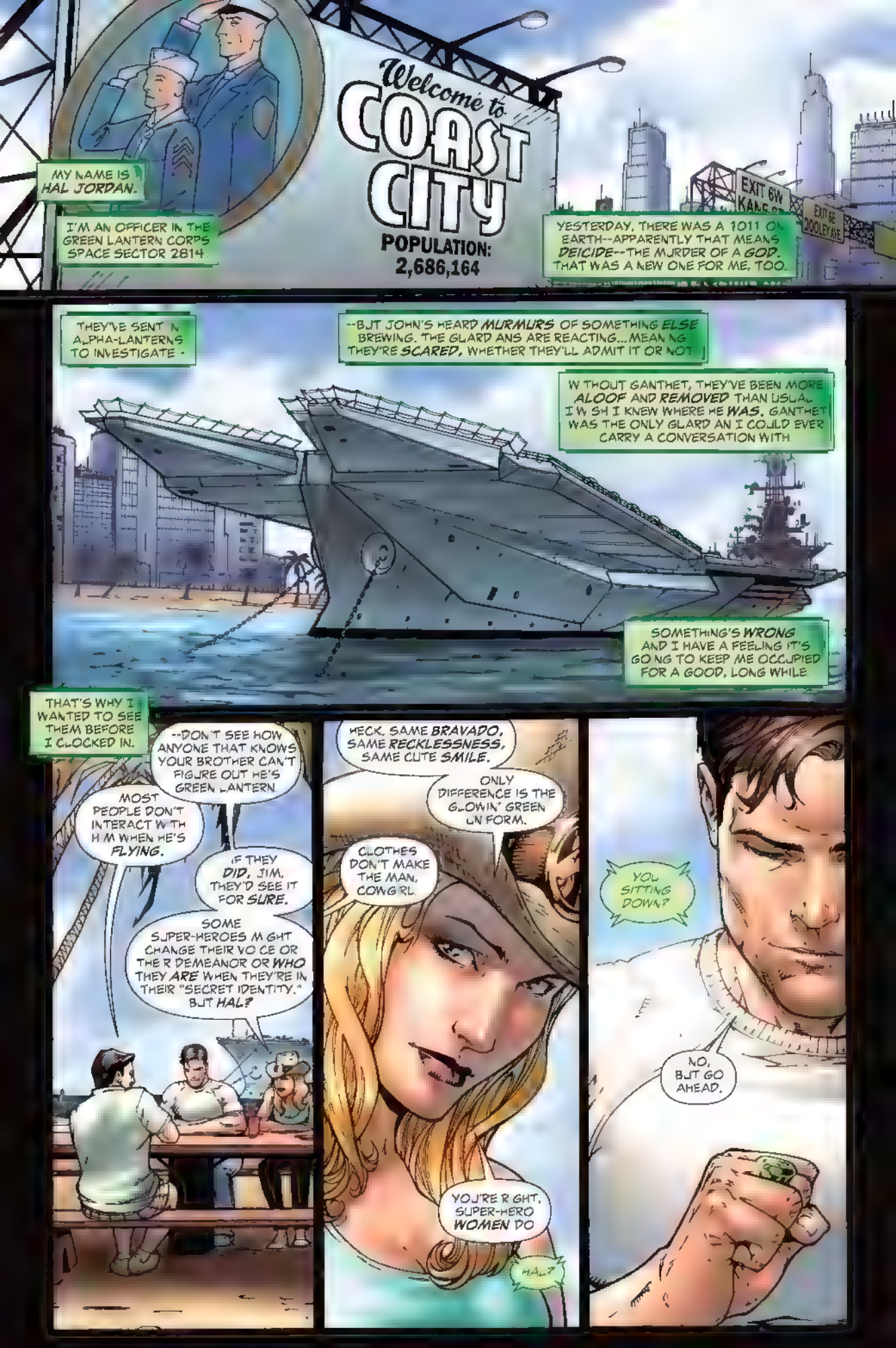
BA-BUM
I HEAR IT.
BA-BUM
BA-BUM
IT BEATS LIKE A WAR DRUM.
BA-BUM
THE RED RING IS BORN AS MY ANGER CRYSTALLIZES THE BLOOD OF THE INVERSIONS.
BA-BU...
MY HEART STOPS.
SO THE RING CAN TAKE OVER.
RAGE


YSMAULT.
GAAARRR
THE LOSS I SUFFERED MILLENNIA AGO LEFT MY HEART FESTERING WITH HATRED
MY HEART BECAME USELESS SO THE RING REPLACES IT
AND MY BLOOD SPOILED SO THE RING EXPELS IT
RRRRRRRR!
BABUM
MY VEINS STRETCH AS THEY'RE FILLED WITH THE LIQUID FIRE OF THE RED LIGHT
BABUM
BABUM
BABUM
MY BATTERY TAKES SHAPE AND BOILS TO THE SURFACE
BABUM
BABUM
BABUM
THE GUARDIANS' SINS STRETCH BACK EONS, YET THEY HAVE NEVER PAID FOR THEM
THEY HAVE NEVER FACED JUDGMENT FOR THE MASSACRE OF MY SECTOR: SECTOR 666
MY KIND WAS ANNIHILATED BY THEIR ANDROID POLICE FORCE
MYSELF IMPRISONED ON THIS PLANET BY THEIR "GREAT" GREEN LANTERN---SINESTRO
SPLASH
HATRED
BABUM
BABUM
BABUM
BABUM

OUR RITUALS OF PROPHECY HAVE PERSUADED THE UNIVERSE TO PEEL BACK ITS CONTINUUM AND EXPOSE ITS SECRETS
IT SAID TO ME THE RED LIGHT IS VIOLENT ACTION WITH NO CONSIDERATION OF CONSEQUENCE
IT IS UNCONTROLLABLE
SO I WILL UNLEASH IT
I AM ATROCITUS I AM THE RED LANTERN
CHANK
WITH BLOOD AND RAGE OF CRIMSON RED...
...RIPPED FROM A CORPSE SO FRESHLY DEAD...
...TOGETHER WITH OUR HELLISH HATE...
...WE'LL BURN YOU ALL--
BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM
BA BUM

--THAT IS YOUR FATE!


MY NAME IS HAL JORDAN.
I'M AN OFFICER IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS SPACE SECTOR 2814.
Welcome to COAST CITY
POPULATION: 2,686,164
EXIT 6W
EXIT 6E DOOLEY AVE
YESTERDAY, THERE WAS A 1011 ON EARTH--APPARENTLY THAT MEANS DEICIDE--THE MURDER OF A GOD. THAT WAS A NEW ONE FOR ME, TOO.
THEY'VE SENT N ALPHA-LANTERNS TO INVESTIGATE -
--BUT JOHN'S HEARD MURMURS OF SOMETHING ELSE BREWING. THE GUARDIANS ARE REACTING...MEANING THEY'RE SCARED, WHETHER THEY'LL ADMIT IT OR NOT.
WITHOUT GANTHET, THEY'VE BEEN MORE ALOOF AND REMOVED THAN USUAL. I WISH I KNEW WHERE HE WAS. GANTHET WAS THE ONLY GUARDIAN I COULD EVER CARRY A CONVERSATION WITH.
SOMETHING'S WRONG AND I HAVE A FEELING IT'S GOING TO KEEP ME OCCUPIED FOR A GOOD, LONG WHILE.
THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO SEE THEM BEFORE I CLOCKED IN.
--DON'T SEE HOW ANYONE THAT KNOWS YOUR BROTHER CAN'T FIGURE OUT HE'S GREEN LANTERN.
MOST PEOPLE DON'T INTERACT WITH HIM WHEN HE'S FLYING.
IF THEY DID, JIM, THEY'D SEE IT FOR SURE.
SOME SUPER-HEROES MIGHT CHANGE THEIR VOICE OR THEIR DEMEANOR OR WHO THEY ARE WHEN THEY'RE IN THEIR "SECRET IDENTITY." BUT HAL?
HECK. SAME BRAVADO, SAME RECKLESSNESS, SAME CUTE SMILE.
ONLY DIFFERENCE IS THE GLOWIN' GREEN UNIFORM.
CLOTHES DON'T MAKE THE MAN, COWGIRL.
YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPER-HERO WOMEN DO
HAL?
YOU SITTING DOWN?
NO, BUT GO AHEAD.

THE GUARDIANS JUST SCHEDULED SINESTRO'S EXECUTION.
T'S ABOUT TIME.
THAT'S WHAT GARDNER SAID
THEY'RE NOT DOING THE EXECUTION ON OA THEY WANT SINESTRO TO FACE KORUGAR
THE SCENE OF THE ORIGINAL CRIME--ABUSING THE POWER OF THE RING
THEY WANT JS TO ESCORT HIM THERE.
TELL THEM I M ON MY WAY.
JORDAN?
HEY EVERYTHING ALL R GHT?
I...
I NEED TO TALK TO SOMEONE AS MUCH AS IT SHOULD BE COWGIR-
I'VE GOTTA FLY GIVE MY LOVE TO SUSAN AND THE KDS, J M.
I CAN T HELP BUT TH NK OF SOMEONE ELSE.
HAVE FUN, SUPER-HERO.
AND I FEEL GUILTY FOR IT.

CAROL WAS THERE WHEN I FIRST MET SINESTRO. SHE HEARD ME TALK ABOUT HIM LIKE SOMEONE WOULD A MENTOR... THEN A FRIEND...
.. THEN AN ENEMY.
THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO DO IT, HAL? THEY'RE REALLY GOING TO EXECUTE HIM?
YES.
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?

HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR COUNTLESS MURDERS.
HUNDREDS OF GREEN LANTERNS
I'M OKAY WITH IT
SINESTRO MAY HAVE TAUGHT ME MORE ABOUT THIS RING THAN I'D LIKE TO ADMIT
AND HE PROBABLY KNOWS ME BETTER THAN MOST ANYONE
EXCEPT FOR
BUT HE DUG HIS OWN GRAVE A LONG TIME AGO
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TELL YOU IT'S ALL RIGHT TO SUPPORT HIS EXECUTION
I WASN'T LOOKING FOR JUSTIFICATION
WELL YOU'RE JUSTIFIED
THE LAST TIME THE GUARDIANS THOUGHT THEY STOPPED SINESTRO THEY PUT HIM INSIDE THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY RIGHT?
YES
AND WHAT DID HE DO WHEN HE WAS IN THERE?
HE MADE CONTACT WITH PARALLAX
THEN HE UNLEASHED IT ON YOU.
SINESTRO SPENT YEARS WATCHING YOU TRY TO DESTROY YOURSELF AND EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING YOU CARED ABOUT
ALL BECAUSE HE WANTED SOMEONE ELSE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF BEING LABELED A RENEGADE.
HE STILL BLAMES ME FOR HIS EXPULSION FROM THE CORPS
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT
I COULD'VE HANDLED IT BETTER
IT STILL WASN'T YOUR FAULT AND HE ISN'T THE FRIEND YOU ONCE THOUGHT HE WAS
THAT SINESTRO WAS EXECUTED A LONG TIME AGO
IT'S FINALLY THE END
AND ENDINGS ARE NEVER EASY TO FACE HAL

"--EVEN WHEN YOU WANT THAT ENDING TO COME."
GREEN LANTERN OF SPACE SECTOR 650.
ASH.
YOU ABOVE ALL OTHER LANTERNS HAVE NO FEAR OF ABSOLUTE DARKNESS. YOU HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE BLACKEST CORNER OF YOUR SECTOR TO WIPE OUT THOSE THAT TOOK YOUR WIFE
WHAT HAVE YOU FOUND?
THE BEGINNINGS OF A TRAIL.
A PIECE OF THE ANTI-MONITOR'S HUSK.
THE WAY THE DEBRIS FLOWS, I'VE OUTLINED THE TRAJECTORY BEYOND MY SECTOR. TO SECTOR 666.
THEN YOU MUST VENTURE INTO SECTOR 666 AND SECURE THE ANTI-MONITOR'S CORPSE
THERE'S STILL NO TELLING WHAT POWER IT MIGHT YET CONTAIN
OR WHO ELSE'S AFTER IT
I'M ON MY WAY, GUARDIAN
GOOD. GREEN LANTERN.
VERY, VERY GOOD.
MY FELLOW GUARDIAN

WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
I'M MEDITATING
THAT SEEMS WISE, CONSIDERING YOUR HEALTH.
IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE YOU SUFFERED YOUR BURNS AT THE HANDS OF THE ANTI-MONITOR.
AND THEY HAVE YET TO HEAL.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD HOLD CIRCLE AND HELP IN THE PROCESS
I DO NOT WISH THEM TO HEAL.
THEY REMIND US OF OUR OWN FAILINGS AND WEAKNESSES.
THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE MUST NEVER GROW ARROGANT AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST.
WE MUST NOT OVERESTIMATE THE INCURSION OF THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM.
WE MUST EXTINGUISH ALL OTHER LIGHT.
THAT IS WHY WE ARE HEADING TO ZAMARON ON A MISSION OF DIPLOMACY. AND WHY WE HAVE AGREED IT IS IMPERATIVE WE RID THIS UNIVERSE OF SINESTRO AND HIS CORPS
BUT WE MUST KEEP THE DETAILS OF SINESTRO'S TRANSFER TO KORUGAR A SECRET.
IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS IF THAT INFORMATION ESCAPED THE HALLS OF OA.
WOULD IT NOT?

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HELLO, JORDAN.
COME TO PAY YOUR LAST RESPECTS?
I CAME HERE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ONE FIRST.
WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU THINK THIS IS *RIGHT*?

YOU WERE THE ONE BRAGGING THAT YOU FORCED THE GUARDIANS INTO ALLOWING LETHAL FORCE.
YOU DID THIS TO YOURSELF.
YES.
I DID.
YOU STILL DIDN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION: DO YOU BELIEVE THIS IS JUSTICE?
IT'S NOT JUSTICE, IT'S WHAT YOU DESERVE.
YOU EARNED THIS A DOZEN TIMES OVER, SINESTRO. YOU BETRAYED THE CORPS. YOU BETRAYED ME.
I BETRAYED YOU?
YOU'RE GOING TO MURDER ME
IT'S PUNISHMENT.
YES. IT'S THE LAW. MY LAW
YOU KNOW, I AM PROUD OF YOU, JORDAN..

YOU'RE TURNING INTO QUITE THE GREEN LANTERN.
YOU HAVE GREAT ANGER IN YOUR HEART.

GIVE IN TO THE RING, BLEEZ. IT KNOWS YOUR PAIN.
PAIN RAGE
YOU WERE ENSLAVED BY SINESTRO'S DEVIANTS ON THE TORTURE-WORLD, RANX.
SINESTRO VENGEANCE
YOU WERE USED BY SINESTRO'S FOLLOWERS TO SATISFY THEIR SADISTIC DESIRES.
THEY WILL PAY.
HATRED RAGE
VICE. DO NOT FIGHT THE RED LIGHT AS IT PURGES YOU OF YOUR TAINTED BLOOD.
RRARRRR!!
IT WILL GIVE YOU THE POWER TO TEAR APART THE BEING THAT CONSUMED YOUR MATE.
ARKILLO HATRED
WE WILL SPILL THE INSIDES OF THOSE WHO WRONGED US.
KILL RAGE HATRED
THEIR BLOOD WILL ANOINT US.
BLOOD
OUR RINGS NEED TO FEED.
BLOOD BLOOD BLOOD
BEGINNING ON THE BLOOD OF THE FALLEN GREEN LANTERN-- SINESTRO!
KILL HATE KE'HAAN
SINESTRRRRO
RAGE

SPACE SECTOR 543
THE VEGA SYSTEM HAS BEEN OFF-LIMITS TO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS
WHY?
WE DO NOT KNOW.
BUT WITHOUT THEIR INTERFERENCE, WE WILL FINALLY ATTAIN A POWER SOURCE THAT WILL ALLOW US, AND US ALONE, THE MEANS OF CREATING AN ARMY TO CONTROL THE UNIVERSE.
THE CONTROLLERS WILL BE IN CONTROL.
DO YOU SEE IT? THERE. ON THE PLANET OKAARA.
THIS LIGHT WILL BE OURS.
WHAT LIGHT IS IT?
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
"NO! IT'S MINE!

"I'LL ALL BE MINE!"
BACK TO KORUGAR, HUH?
THE GLARD ANS HAVE MADE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CURRENT KORUGARIAN GOVERNMENT
THIS WILL BE A PUBLIC EXECUTION
NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULDA COME TO THIS, SAAJAK
YOU WANT TO SPEAK OUT, YOU BETTER SPEAK OUT NOW
I'M NOT AGAINST THIS
YOU SURE, HAL?
IT'S THE LAW, JOHN
AND, THIS TIME, I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT IT.

JORDAN?
YOU NEVER ASKED ME YOUR QUESTION
FORGET IT
YOU WANT AN ANSWER TO SOMETHING? IT'S NOW OR NEVER--
ISN'T IT?
I'LL LIVE.
"WHATEVER DOESN'T KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER?" ABIN SUR USED TO SAY THAT.
WILL YOU SHUT H M UP, JORDAN?

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WHY DON'T WE JUST PUT A BEAM IN HIS BRAIN HERE INSTEAD OF TAKING HIM BACK TO KORJGAR?
LET'S FINISH THIS AND GET ON WITH OUR DUTY.
THIS IS AGAINST PROTOCOL, ARX! STAND DOWN!
BOOD KKA?
YOU ARE HERE AS AN OBSERVER, SISTER TO LEARN, NOT SPEAK
ARX GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 488.
YOU KNOW MY NAME?
I KNOW MANY THINGS ABOUT YOU. ABOUT ALL OF THE GREEN LANTERNS.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE AFRAID OF.
NOT YOU.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU.
LEAVE HIM BE, SINESTRO

NO?
WHAT ABOUT DEATH THEN?
N--
SHHHPTTT
WAS THAT A "NO"?
SHOW THEM FEAR.
RING STATUS REPORT: GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 488 DECEASED.
SPACE SECTOR 488 SCAN FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT INITIATED.

LOOK ALIVE, POOZERS!
IT'S AN AMBUSH!
OF COURSE, IT'S, KILOWOG.

HOW THE HELL D D THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?
IT DOESN'T MATTER STEWART
THE ALPHA LANTERNS ARE HERE TOO
LAW ONE OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS...FELON-
CH
--LETHAL FORCE HAS BEEN ENABLED

SINESTRO. MONGUL HAS-
I AM AWARE OF MONGUL AND HIS ATTEMPTS AT A COUP. HE WILL BE DEALT WITH. BY ME.
MY RING--
Rrrrrrrrrr.
--EH?
WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE IS THIS? GET AWAY YOU-
HSSSSSSS

RAGE. HATRED. BLOOD.
RING STATUS: SINESTRO OF SECTOR 3 DECEASED.
SPACE SECTOR 3 SCAN INITIATED FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT
BURN.
HIS SC ENCELL IS BURNING.
WHAT K ND OF FIRE BURNS N SPACE?
JOHN...
. WHAT THE HELL S THAT?
GREEN LANTERN.
SINESTRO.

RING STATUS: GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 1132 DECEASED.
SPACE SECTOR 1132 SCAN INITIATED FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT.
IT MATTERS NOT.
BABUM BABUM BABUM
RING STATUS: SINESTRO OF SECTOR 2332 DECEASED.
SPACE SECTOR 2332 SCAN INITIATED FOR REPLACEMENT SENTIENT.
RRRRAAARR!
RED LANTERNS!
THAT'S ATROCITUS.
WHO?
"THE MONSTER THAT MURDERED ABIN SUR."
I DEMAND YOUR BLOOD, SINESTRO. I WILL USE YOUR BLOOD.
AND THE BLOOD OF YOUR CORPS.
LAIRA!
RRSSSSS
HAL, SHE'S NOT HEARING YOU. WE--
RAARRRR!

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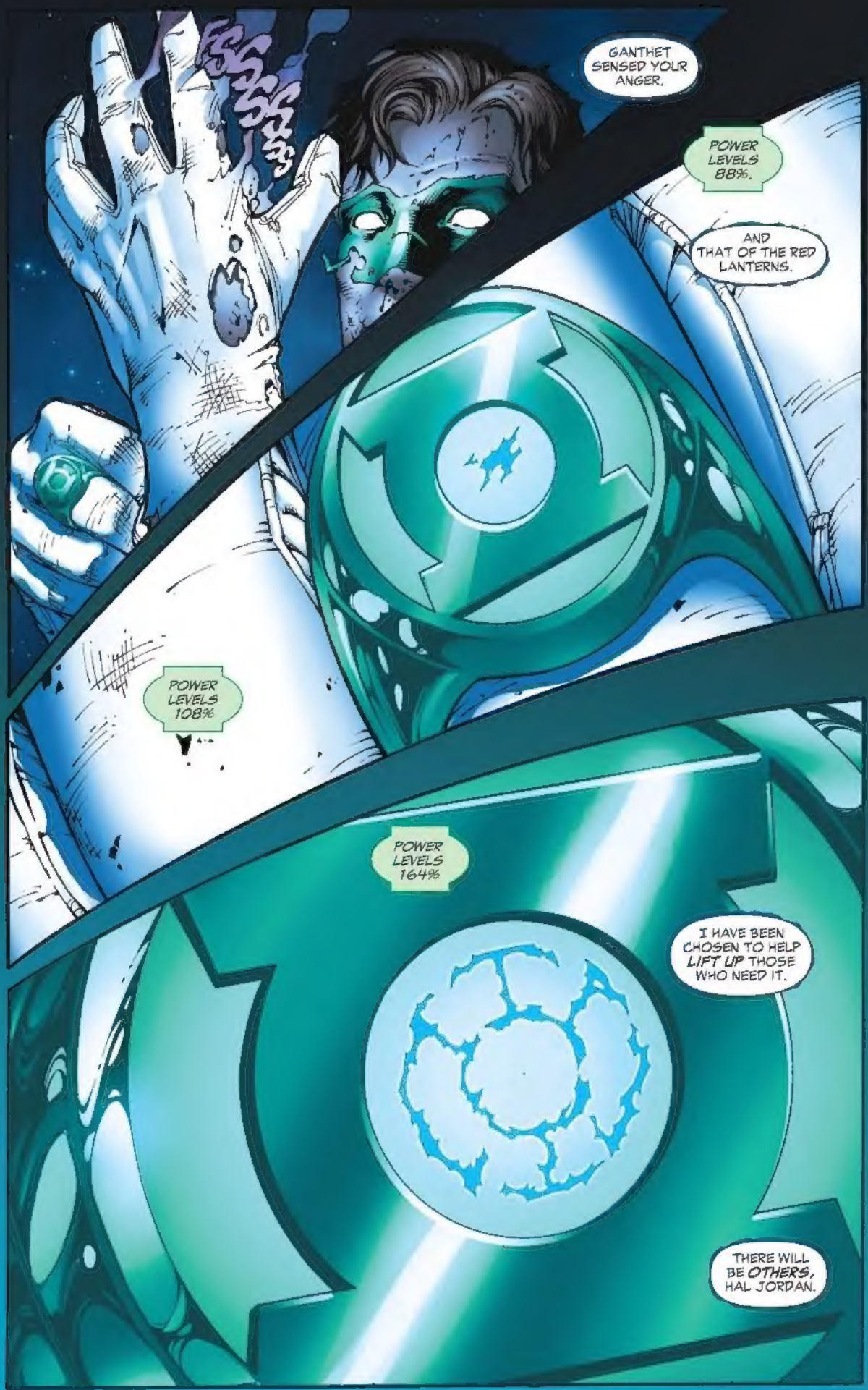
FSSSSSS
GANTHET SENSED YOUR ANGER.
POWER LEVELS 88%.
AND THAT OF THE RED LANTERNS.
POWER LEVELS 108%
POWER LEVELS 164%
I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO HELP LIFT UP THOSE WHO NEED IT.
THERE WILL BE OTHERS, HAL JORDAN.

POWER LEVELS 200%
BUT FOR NOW, THERE IS ONLY ME.
I AM SAINT WALKER.
IT IS IMPERATIVE WE RETRIEVE SINESTRO BEFORE HE IS SACRIFICED.
IF THIS UNIVERSE IS TO SURVIVE THE BLACKEST NIGHT, WE WILL NEED HIM ALIVE.